

THE WORLD'S BEST ARMY

# *America's Army*



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# *Environment*

## Diminishing Resources



**450,000 Decrease in Personnel**

**40% Decrease in Budget**

**35% Decrease in Materiel Base**

**650 Installations Closed  
(World-Wide)**

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## Expanding Missions

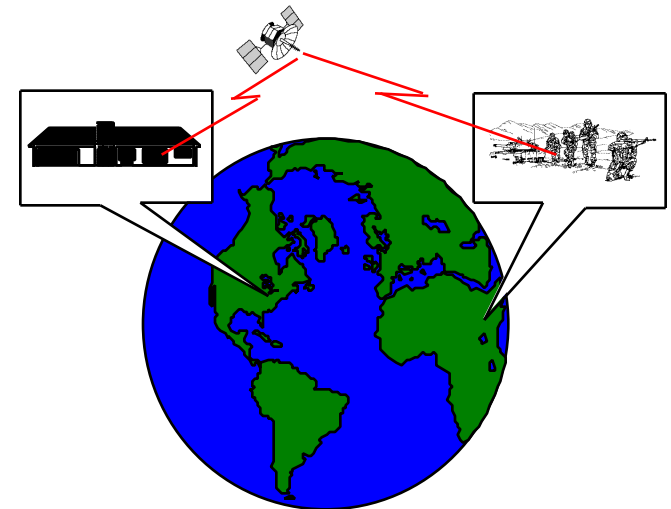
**125,000 Soldiers Stationed Overseas**

**Presently 37,355 Soldiers  
Deployed to 51 Countries**

**300% Increase in  
Operational Deployments  
Since 1990**



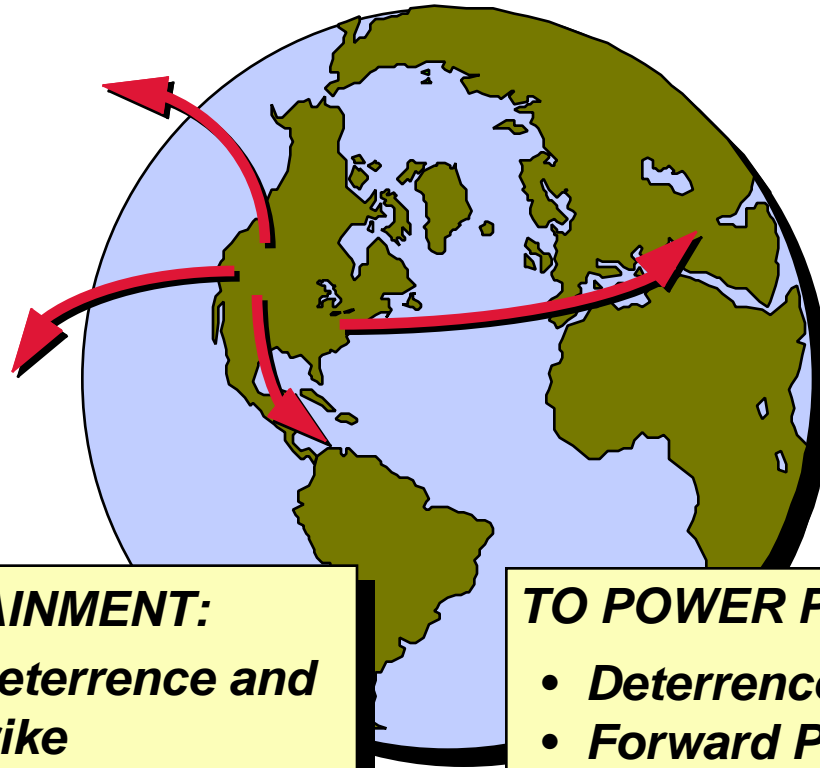
## Global Village CNN Factor



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# *Change of Mission*



## ***FROM CONTAINMENT:***

- *Strategic Deterrence and Counterstrike*
- *Forward Deployed*
- *Reinforcement*
- *Mobilization*

## ***TO POWER PROJECTION:***

- *Deterrence and Defense*
- *Forward Presence*
- *Crisis Response*
- *Reconstitution*

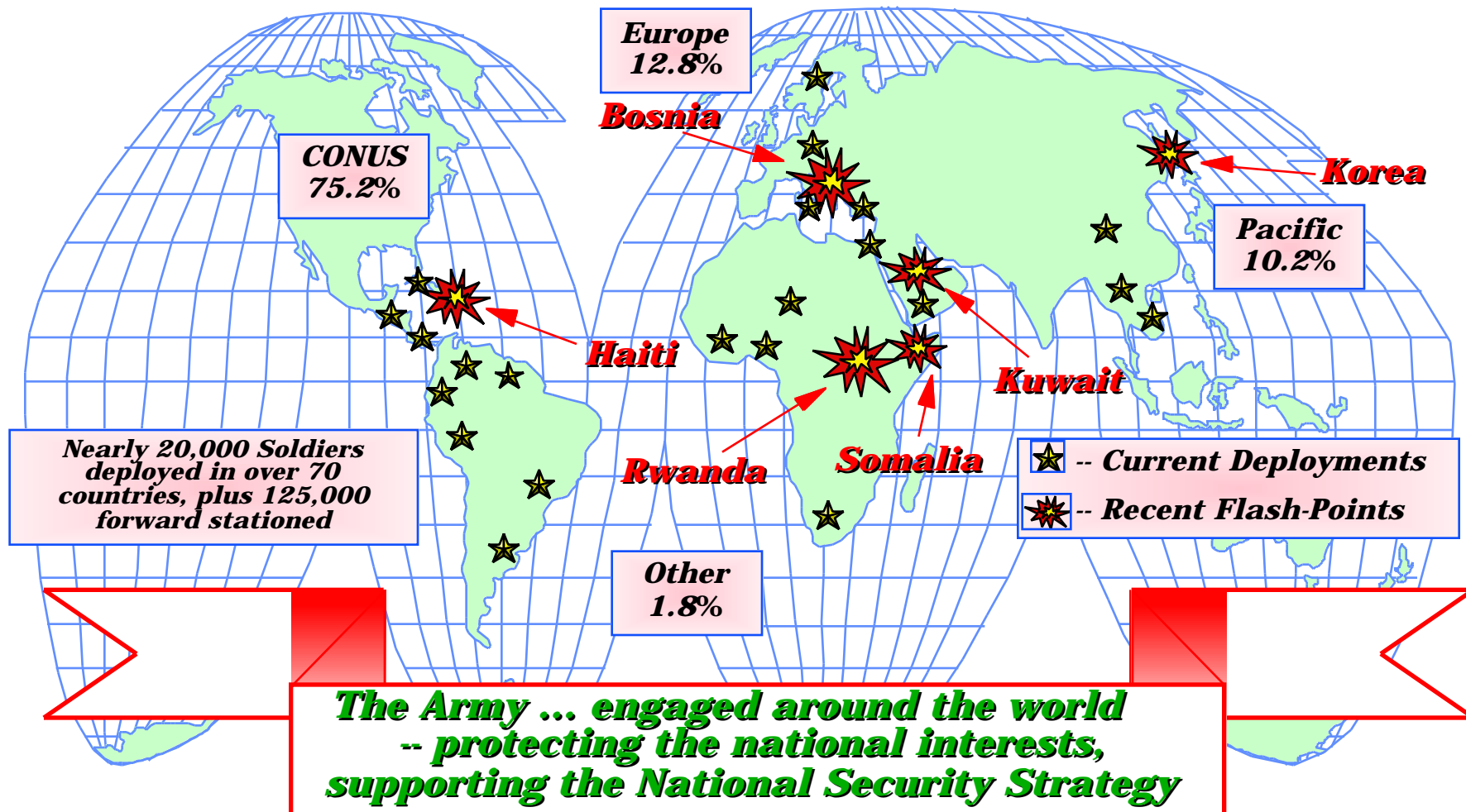
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# Where Your Army is Today ...



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# *The Army Vision*

**The World's best Army--trained and ready for victory.**

**A Total Force of quality soldiers and civilians:**

- **A values-based organization**
- **An integral part of the Joint Team**
- **Equipped with the most modern weapons and equipment the Country can provide**
- **Able to respond to our Nation's needs**
- **Changing to meet challenges of today . . . tomorrow . . . and the 21st Century**

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# *Army Reserve Issues*



**These are Army Concerns—We're  
Working What's Best for America**

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# **Army Reserve Role**

- Retains a key place in America's security
- Provides:

**Early Deployment Capability**

**Depth**

**Flexibility**

**Talent Pool**

- Skills Active Component can't maintain
- Infusion of new ideas
- Breadth and depth of experience



**A Connection with America—People, Units, Ideas, Talent**

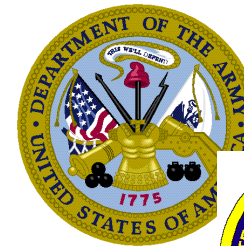
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# ***What You Can Expect from Me***

- **Committment to an integrated, balanced force**
- **Committment to improving RC Readiness**
- **Committment to reducing turbulence**
- **Committment to discussing issues with RC leadership**



COMMANDER, 1ST AVN BDE, 1ST AVN BDE





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# ***What I Expect from You***

- Support for “America’s Army”

Understand who we are and what we are

Ensure seamless force

- Tell our story—We are doing remarkable things remarkably well

- Excitement—It’s Contagious!

- Ruck it up—Move Out!

No time out for parochialism

“One Team-One Fight”

- A Partnership



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# Summary

- **These are exciting times; not first time**
- **We've faced tough challenges—leadership opportunity**
- **The standard is clear—decisive victory**
- **Values are the foundation on which change is based**
- **You represent the essence of the institution**
- **USAR & ARNG are vital part of America's Army**

**The Nation Still Needs Us to be Trained and Ready**

**You are key to that.**

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# America's Army

*Our challenge is to maintain the effectiveness of America's Army...*

*To respond to the world as it is...not as we wish it to be...*

*To build for tomorrow and not try to make the past perfect...*

*To balance the needs of the present with the requirements of tomorrow...*

*To provide the nation an Army trained and ready to achieve decisive victory.*



***... we are moving into the 21st Century***

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